GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PENDING DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different developmental project/schemes relating to E&F sector cleared/started by the Government during each of the last three years as well as current year, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the funds allocated/released alongwith the extent of their utilization, State-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of these projects/schemes;

(d) if so, the achievements made in this regard, project/scheme-wise;

(e) the details of proposal/projects received in this regard and pending with the Government for Environment and Forestry clearance alongwith the reasons for their pendency indicating the year since when these are pending, State-wise;

(f) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared;

(g) whether Hon`ble Supreme Court has delivered its verdict in regard to implementation of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 by State Governments; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) A total of 473 developmental projects in the sectors of Industry, Thermal Power, Mining, River Valley & hydroelectric and Infrastructure projects were accorded environmental clearance during the last three years and the current year under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification of January, 1994. The year-wise and state-wise break-up of the number of approved proposals is annexed.

More than 350 major proposals, i.e. those involving diversion of more than 20 ha. of forest land, were received for forestry clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during the last three years. Of these 194 proposals were cleared, 14 were rejected, 6 were rejected for want of information, 23 were returned/withdrawn by states, 33 presently under consideration of the Ministry and for 81 proposals details have been sought from the States. State-wise status of the proposals received for forestry clearance during the last three years is annexed.

(b), (c) & (d) Projects accorded environmental and/ or forestry clearances are implemented by the respective project proponents who also arrange for necessary funds. Conditions stipulated by the Ministry while according environmental/ forestry clearances are monitored by the Regional Offices of the Ministry.

(e) Presently, 138 proposals are awaiting environmental clearance mainly due to non-submission of complete information. State-wise break-up of number of pending proposals as on 24th February 2003 is also given in Annexure. 33 major proposals are presently under consideration for forestry clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(f) Usually, decision on project proposals is taken within 90 days of receipt of complete information.

(g)& (h) The Hon`ble Supreme Court have issued orders from time to time regarding implementation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 which mainly relate to compensatory afforestation, ban on regularization of encroachments on forest land, ban on de-reservation of National Parks/sanctuaries without the permission of the Court, etc.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1857 due for reply on 3rd March, 2003, regarding `Pending Developmental Projects`.

State-wise number of projects accorded environmental clearance during last three years and current year

A. Environmental clearance

S. No.	State	2000	2001	2002	2003 (upto 24th Feb. 2003)
	Andhra Pradesh	18	16	18	4
	Assam				1
	Andaman & Nicobar Island	2	1		3
	Arunachal Pradesh	4	1		
	Bihar	3	4		
	Chhatisgarh		4	6	
	Delhi	1	1		
	Goa	4	6		
	Gujarat	17	9	8	2
	Haryana	2	4	3	1
	Himachal Pradesh	2	2	3	
	Jharkhand				1
	Karnataka	10	10	9	2
	Kerala	3	7	1	
	Lakshadweep				1
	Madhya Pradesh	3	1	5	1
	Maharashtra	15	19	27	4
	Meghalaya	2			
	Mizoram	2			
	Orissa	2	4	7	
	Pondicherry	1			
	Punjab	4	2	5	
	Rajasthan	7	5	10	
	Tamil Nadu	22	31	36	16
	Tripura	1			
	Uttar Pradesh	9	8		
	Uttaranchal	2	1		
	West Bengal	2	2	5	1
	Others	7	3	6	1
	Total	139	146	155	33

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Status of various proposals involving diversion of more than 20 ha. of forest land received for forestry clearance during 2000-2002. (as on 31.1.2003)

S.No.	State	No. of Proposals received	Sanctioned	Rejected want of information by State of Ministry	Rejected with-drawn	Returned/ Considration from the states	Under	Details sought
1.	Assam	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	21	18	1	0	0	0	2
3.	Andhra Pradesh	18	10	1	0	2	2	3
4.	A&N Islands	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
5.	Bihar	4	3	0	0	1	0	0
6.	Chandigarh	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Chattisgarh	28	6	0	0	1	2	19
8.	Dadara Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Goa	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
11.	Gujarat	7	3	0	0	2	2	0
12.	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Himachal Pradesh	11	6	0	0	1	1	3
14.	Jharkhand	12	7	0	1	0	1	3
15.	Karnataka	28	18	1	1	1	5	2
16.,	Kerala	6	1	0	1	0	1	3
17.	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Meghalaya	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Madhya Pradesh	27	12	1	0	1	8	5
20.	Maharashtra	68	42	3	0	4	5	14
21.	Mizoram	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Punjab	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
23.	Orissa	28	19	1	2	3	1	2
24.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Rajasthan	13	6	1	0	1	3	2
26.	Tamilnadu	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
27.	Tripura	14	11	2	1	0	0	0
28.	Uttar Pradesh	13	10	1	0	1	1	0
29.	Uttaranchal	23	15	0	0	5	0	3
30.	West Bengal	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	354	194	14	6	23	33	81

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1857 due for reply on 3rd March, 2003, regarding `Pending Developmental Projects`.

State-wise number of projects awaiting environmental clearance as on 24th February 2003

S.No.	State	Number of Proposals awaiting Environmental Clearance
1	Andhra Pradesh	19
2	Assam	1
3	Andaman & Nicobar Island	3
4	Arunachal Pradesh	1
5	Bihar	
6	Chhatisgarh	4
7	Delhi	1
8	Goa	1
9	Gujarat	27
10	Haryana	2
11	Himachal Pradesh	
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
13	Jharkhand	1
14	Karnataka	9
15	Kerela	3
16	Lakshadweep	1
17	Madhya Pradesh	2
18	Maharashtra	25
19	Manipur	
20	Meghalaya	
21	Mizoram	
22	Orissa	2
23	Pondicherry	1
24	Punjab	
25	Rajasthan	4
26	Sikkim	
27	Tamilnadu	16
28	Tripura	
29	Uttar Pradesh	5
30	Uttaranchal	
31	West Bengal	6
32	Others	3
	Total	138